

Figure 3 shows the specific OSHA classification code for “Hearing Loss” that should be selected as the type of illness.

Figure 3—Selection of hearing loss as the OSHA classification code

Hearing loss due to traumatic injury: Traumatic, physical injury mishaps to the ear(s), like any other occupational injury, are recorded on the OSHA log when they meet OSHA criteria (medical treatment beyond first aid, days away from work, etc.).

Hearing loss may be a Class B: Sometimes a traumatic injury (e.g., being struck by an object or a blast/explosion or over-pressure incident) also results in a hearing loss. The injury is considered a permanent partial disability case when it results in a hearing loss of 10 dB or greater, as documented by medical authority. This injury must be reported—in WESS or ESAMS—as a Class B mishap. ♦

Shore Mishaps Reporting and Recordkeeping and WESS Training

Mishap reporting and WESS training resources are available on the Naval Safety Center website. WESS User Guides covering a variety of WESS design, navigation and reporting procedures can be found at: <http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/wess/tutorial/>.

Half-day Mishap Reporting and Recordkeeping Workshops are offered by Naval Safety Center staff, either on-site or using VTT resources. The workshop focuses on mishap reporting and recordkeeping requirements of OPNAVINST 5102.1D/MCO 5102.1B, OSHA 29 CFR 1904 and 1960 regulations. It includes a step-by-step guide to creating a mishap entry/report in the WESS, and covers a sample of data elements specific to

mishaps involving private or government-owned motor vehicles (PMV or GMV). Enterprise Safety Applications Management System (ESAMS) users will find this workshop valuable because activities using ESAMS for mishap reporting must also maintain WESS accounts for several reasons, including to report certain types of events such as PMV mishaps. Safety professionals, whether full-time or collateral duty, are encouraged to take advantage of this training.

For additional information on future workshop dates and locations, or to request a training session in your area, contact Mr. Chuck Almond, Installation and Industrial Safety Directorate, Naval Safety Center; email: charles.almond@navy.mil. ♦